



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

DE-CW2606

September 25, 2006

Corn Harvest Advances

Weather conditions for the last week have been good for harvesting corn and planting **barley** and **wheat**. There were **6.5 days suitable for field work** for the week ending September 24, 2005. **Corn** for grain is 33 percent harvested, 10 percent above last week. **Corn** for silage is 97 percent harvested, 6 percent above last week and 10 percent the five-year average.

Soybeans are turning color and dropping leaves. The crop is in fair to good condition. A few farmers are beginning to harvest their soybean crop.

Apple harvest has increased by 7 percent with 49 percent complete compared with 42 percent last week. Fourth cutting **other hay** is progressing nicely with 33 percent complete compared with 5 percent last year.

Pastures are rated 7 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 55 percent good and 3 percent excellent. **Hay** supplies were 2 percent very short, 22 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus.

DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 24, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005		
Field Crops <i>Percent</i>						
Corn: Mature	97	91	97	87		
Harvested for Grain	33	23	47	41		
Harvested for Silage	97	91	99	81		
Soybeans: Turning Color	54	44	76	52		
Dropping Leaves	35	29	64	31		
Hay						
Alfalfa Hay: 4 th Cutting	56	55	55	58		
Other Hay: 4 th Cutting	33	30	5	28		
Fruits Harvested						
Apples	49	42	48	51		
SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 24, 2006						
Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005
Very Short	1	2	13	5	5	15
Short	6	3	22	20	22	23
Adequate	91	84	59	74	71	58
Surplus	2	11	6	1	2	4

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 24, 2006

	Precipitation ¹			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	1.06	28.30	-1.36	80	56	66	-4
Frederick	1.12	29.50	1.12	83	57	65	0
Frostburg	0.63	26.22	-8.63	76	52	59	-3
Hagerstown	1.69	25.66	-2.19	80	54	64	-4
Mechanicsville	1.89	36.71	3.84	78	54	64	-6
Patuxent River	1.55	28.23	-2.54	82	60	69	-1
Ocean City	1.03	26.07	-7.29	76	51	68	-2
Salisbury	1.14	32.58	-1.05	80	47	66	-4
Sharpsburg	1.56	31.91	3.53	80	57	65	1
Stevensville	1.49	32.19	1.76	79	56	67	-4
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.78	34.94	6.93	83	60	67	-5
Delaware							
Dover	0.59	29.17	-2.97	79	54	68	-4
Georgetown	1.35	32.20	-0.38	79	50	67	-2
Wilmington	1.43	35.96	6.19	80	51	67	-2

¹ Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M on recorded date
Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.